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THE PESSIMIST.

Goldwin Smith, the most brilliant of living pessimists, in what was intimated might be his last public address, gave the Canadian Club at Ottawa a bad turn on Saturday. In his address, the most interesting portion of which the Times publishes to-day, he could see no ray of hope for a confederated empire, nor for the United States if that country should extend its southern boundary. In the world at large Jingoism is rampant, religious beliefs are shaken, capital and labor threaten deadly conflict, society is threatened by the tyranny of wealth, and the outlook is shadowed by the gloom of impending chaos.

Like those of the ancient mariners who looked out upon the untraversed ocean and saw the hand of Satan upstretched in the Sea of Darkness, the venerable philosopher would not adventure forth with them who see beyond the years the visions of a greater splendor of achievement than the world has known.

Goldwin Smith has enriched the literature of his time, and nothing that he says or writes is commonplace. It may even be that the role of the pessimist is useful, as a foil to the sometimes too cheerful optimism of the age. But one prefers the optimism, even when his visions are extravagant. He, at least, has his face to the morning, and does not despair. Like Tennyson he can say:— Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs: And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns.

FIGHTING WILL CONTINUE.

The despatches since Lord Lansdowne made his speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet, in which he expressed the hope that the Russo-Japanese war might be ended by arbitration, have dwelt at considerable length on the possibility of intervention by Great Britain, France and the United States. A London cable states that Japan had already unofficially made to Russia a suggestion for a peaceful settlement. She had not, the despatch explains, made it officially, lest she be understood as suing for peace; but she would be willing to consider negotiations. The Japanese minister at London is quoted as saying that representations made by Great Britain, France and the United States would have great influence, and might bring about a peaceful settlement, although he is not sure on what basis the belligerent nations could at present be induced to agree. Another despatch contains a rumor that the French foreign office is considering the question of an Anglo-French note to Russia and Japan, while still another expresses the view that President Roosevelt will be the chosen mediator of the three friendly powers.

Over against these rumors must be placed three facts. The first is that Japan will not negotiate until after the fall of Port Arthur. The second is that Russia asserts that her prestige must be vindicated before she will talk of peace. The third is that the other nations have no warrant for intervention until given clearly to understand that both Russia and Japan would welcome a proposition looking toward a peaceful settlement. The news that comes over the wires must be read with due regard to the fact that the press correspondents are gentlemen of considerable imaginative power. Not long since they had Great Britain and Russia on the verge of war. At present they are on the other tack.

No doubt Great Britain, France and the United States would cheerfully unite in representations to Russia and Japan, if there were the slightest prospect of a satisfactory result. At present there is no such prospect. Each of the belligerents asserts that a definite aim must be accomplished before they will negotiate. As their aims are diametrically opposed, the fighting will continue for some time longer. If Russia insists that her prestige in the far east must be restored, the struggle will be a long one, since nothing less than the complete defeat of Japan could now accomplish that result. The fact is that peace at the present time would mean Russian humiliation. She is not yet willing to accept humiliation. It will come later, no doubt, but apparently Russia does not think so.

STREET RAILWAYS.

All Canadian cities do not accept as cheerfully as does St. John whatever kind of service the street railway company may choose to give. Toronto, for example, held that it should have a better service, and that it possessed certain powers of compulsion. This was disputed by the company, and a special case was submitted to the court of appeal. Six questions were submitted, and the court has given its decision in favor of the city on all points except two.

The Mail and Empire thus summarized the case:—

The points raised in these interrogations related to the authority for requiring new lines to be laid, service extended, prescribed time-tables to be observed, dictated routes to be followed, continuance of transit in day cars after midnight, the ordering of open cars, off the track, the heating of cars, the enforcing of specific performance in these matters, and the remedies for non-compliance. In regard to these several points the judgment upholds the city's contentions excepting as to continued transit after midnight and as to specific performance.

The Mail and Empire expresses the view that since the court decided that the city cannot enforce specific performance the victory is a barren one, and that the case will be taken to the Privy Council. It is held by some, however, that under one clause of the judgment the city can sue for damages for non-performance. If that be really the case the city's position is much better than the Mail and Empire appears to think. The point the Times desires to emphasize, however, is that Toronto does not propose to accept any sort of service the company may be pleased to give.

The city of Hamilton is also taking action to secure a better street car service. The finance committee last week decided to recommend to the city council that legal proceedings be taken at once, to compel the street railway company to live up to its agreement with the city and provide a satisfactory street car service. This action followed the failure of the company to give a satisfactory service.

Ottawa also is dissatisfied with present conditions regarding its street railway service, and on Friday last a civic deputation, including Mayor Ellis and several of the aldermen, waited on the president of the Ottawa Electric Railway company to-day to learn upon what terms the latter would sell out to the city. The road is earning a large dividend, and the city fathers are of opinion that though the franchise has twenty years to run it would be good business to purchase, if a reasonable figure is named. Of course the electors would be asked to vote on the question before taking final action, as in any case the price asked would be a large one. It would be worth while for the St. John city council to find out exactly what its powers are, if any, in relation to the operation of the street railway. The general impression appears to be that the company has extraordinary powers, but a careful study of all street railway legislation relating to this city might suggest a method of asserting a measure of civic authority such as would result in benefit to the city.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

If one may judge from an article in Saturday evening's Globe, relations must be somewhat strained between members of the editorial staff of that paper. Referring to the previous day's charge against those connected with the erection of the new library building, the Globe on Saturday said:— "Mr. R. O'Brien, who is chairman of the library commissioners, had nothing whatever to do with the publication of some statements which have appeared in this paper in connection with the library building. Mr. O'Brien did not request the publication, furnish the information, or intimate in any way whatever his views upon the subject; and he was not asked."

This is certainly to Mr. O'Brien's credit, whatever may be thought of the course pursued by the Globe. That paper has not yet sought an interview with any of the well known citizens against whom it has made somewhat serious charges. That it did not even consult Mr. O'Brien, chairman of the library commission, adds to the mystery surrounding its motive.

The Times recently referred to the objection of St. John importers to the new system of invoices, which cause delay in many instances in the receipt of goods. A cable states that the home trade section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution re certification invoices, to the effect that the forms drafted by the Canadian government are unnecessarily vexatious. It was further suggested that the chamber should use its influence to obtain simpler forms, and the board approved this resolution.

Some kind-hearted friends should call at the offices of the Halifax Chronicle, Moncton Transcript and Fredericton Herald, and tell the editors that life is short and the Canadian elections took place on Nov. 3rd.

It may be some encouragement to the St. John city council to learn that in London, Ont., as a result of the city council complying with certain requirements of the Canadian

Fire Underwriters' Association, the association has granted a 20-cent reduction in the city's key rate. The reduction means a saving of thousands of dollars annually to the business section of London.

In requesting that full military honors be paid to the remains of Paul Kruger at Cape Town and Pretoria, King Edward has given another evidence of his great tact as a ruler.

Fredericton is to have a new drill hall. The contract has also been awarded for a new one in Chatham, Ont., to cost about \$60,000. St. John's turn should come soon.

GENERAL NOTES.

After the performance given at Sandringham by the Canadian Killies' band, last week, the king presented a jeweled baton to Conductor Robinson and a diamond and ruby pin to Manager Yorke.

The governorship of Chelsea Hospital, rendered vacant by the death of Field Marshal Sir Henry Norman, is to be offered to Earl Roberts. Lord Roberts is now in South Africa, so it will be some little time before his decision is known. He is to be honored, it carries with it comfortable allowances and a splendid house, with some of the finest rooms in London.

Herr Paul Turon, of Teschen, in Austrian Silesia, sang a hymn at his own funeral. He had composed the hymn into a photograph shortly before his death, and directed that it should be produced at his funeral services. This was carried out by the heirs, who, under the terms of Herr Turon's will, had to sacrifice \$100 of his estate to a charity if they failed to comply with his wish.

The Dutch newspaper, Lodanvolk of Rotterdam, has announced that King Edward, through the local authorities, has expressed the desire that royal salutes be fired on the arrival of the late President Kruger's body at Cape Town and Pretoria, and that minute guns be fired during the procession to the grave.

Owing to the lateness of the season, it will not be possible to repair the cable between Belle Isle and Chateau Bay, which was destroyed by an iceberg a few weeks ago, until next spring. This will not, however, affect communication with Belle Isle, as the Marconi system from the end of the government telegraph line in Labrador to Belle Isle and vice versa is working admirably.

A sale of valuable shorthorn cattle from the farms of Henry Cargill and Son, Cargill, and W. G. Pettit and Sons, Freeman, took place at the Stock-yards Pavilion at Hamilton, Ont., last week. In all 26 bulls and 26 cows were auctioned off. The sale realized \$7,500, the highest price paid for one animal being \$125. The average price for bulls was \$121, and for cows \$166.

On application of the Finnish Senate, the Czar of Russia has appointed a commission, composed of five Russian and five Finnish jurists, to formulate proposals for harmonizing the powers of the Finnish Diet and the Imperial manifesto of 1903. In the manifesto of 1903 the Czar gave the Russian Governor of Finland virtually dictatorial powers, while the Russian language was substituted for the Swedish in all the public institutions of the country.

The Metropolitan Liberal Unionist Federation last week in London, passed a resolution that the time has come for a complete reform of the fiscal system. It approves the Prime Minister's demand for increased powers to deal with hostile tariffs and the practice of dumping. It further expresses the earnest hope that the ties of sympathy already uniting the Empire may be strengthened by commercial union with the colonies based on preferential arrangements between them and the Mother Country. It welcomes the Prime Minister's proposal to summon a conference with this object. A proposal to send copies of the resolution to the colonial Prime Ministers was defeated.

THE SHIPS OF ST. JOHN.

Smile, you inland hills and rivers I flush, you meadows in the dawn! But my roving heart is seaward With the ships of grey St. John.

Fair the land lies, full of August, Meadow land, shingly bar, Open barns and breezy twilight Peace and the mild evening star.

Gently now this gentlest country The old hand takes on, But my wintry heart is outbound, With the great ships of St. John.

Once in your wide arms you held me, Till the man-child was a man, Canada, great nurse and mother Of the young sea-roving clan.

Always your bright face above me Through the dream of the hand shone, Now far alien countries call me, With the ships of grey St. John.

Swing, you tides, up out of Fundy! Blow, you white fogs, in from sea! I was born to be your fellow When you were bred to pilot me.

At the touch of your strong fingers, Doubt, like heretic, is gone, I want closer, too—ship by shipings, With the white ships of St. John.

Loyalists, my fathers, builded This grey port of the grey sea, When the duty to ideals Could not let well-being be.

PARISIAN TO BE WITHDRAWN.

She Will no Longer be One of the Allan Line Mail Boats on the Montreal Service.

(Montreal Star.) With the sailing of the Allan Line steamship Parisian from Montreal to-day, this vessel, which in years gone by, held the blue ribbon of the St. Lawrence, will pass from her high estate.

The vessel, with her trim yacht-like lines, will no longer carry the Royal mails, neither will she carry passengers between Montreal and Liverpool, except, perhaps, as an extra boat.

By the beginning of next season, the new turbine steamships Victorian and Virginian will both be in commission, and these two vessels, along with the Tunisian and Bavarian, will form the Allan fleet operating between this city and Liverpool.

While not yet determined, the Parisian will, in all probability, enter the service between New York and Glasgow, though she may possibly be operated between Glasgow and Montreal.

The Parisian was for years the queen of the Allan fleet. She was built in Glasgow in 1881, by Charles Napier and Sons, and was one of the first of the trans-Atlantic liners to be constructed of steel. She had originally two stacks; her rakish masts with fitted with broad yards, and she was capable of considerable sail power, independent of her engines.

While large for her length, her length is 440 feet, the Parisian did not look her inches, owing chiefly to her fine lines and graceful set upon the water. In fact, of late years she was often mistaken by the uninitiated for the yacht of some millionaire.

The Parisian's record has been a remarkable one. In her twenty-three years' service she has never met with an accident of any consequence and never has lost a life. In that interval she has carried tens of thousands of passengers between Montreal and Liverpool.

Originally the engines of the Parisian were of the old-fashioned type, but a few years ago she was overhauled and practically remodelled. At this time the two smaller rakish funnels were replaced with one large one and triple expansion engines were installed.

EXPECT VERY HEAVY TRADE.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Within a week or two the annual Christmas exodus of the foreign-born living in this country will begin, and this year, because of the prevailing low steerage rates the travel is expected to be heavier than ever before. By far the heaviest traffic will come from Western Europe, and so many Scandinavians have settled on farms, and from now on all through trains from that section will each bear its quota of home-geers. A local steamship agent said this morning that he anticipated from 800 to 1000 steerage passengers for each of the Christmas excursion sailings on his line, whereas last year the figures were about 400 each. New York, of course, will catch thousands more than Boston.

Many of those who expect to visit the old homesteads across the water have had their tickets now for weeks and even months, buying them when the rates first went down, in order that if prices went up later they would be so much in pocket. Cunard liner Ivernia, sailing on Dec. 3, from East Boston, is expected to carry the largest number from this port, as she arrives at Liverpool in time for Scandinavians to transfer to steamers for home and greet their relatives and friends before the Yuletide. The Saxonia, sailing on Dec. 13, naturally will catch those returning to the British Isles, as she will be in port at Liverpool in plenty of time for them to get to any part of the Isles before Christmas Day.

MARINE NOTES.

Four seamen left Halifax to join the schooner M. D. S., which loaded at Kingsport for Havana.

Nine seamen left Halifax by the D. A. R. Saturday for Kingsport, to join the ship Harvest Queen, bound for Pensacola. Seamen are reported scarce in Halifax at present, several shipmasters being unable to complete their crews.

Allan line S. S. Ionian, which left Moville at 12.45 p. m., November 11, for Halifax and St. John, has on board 24 first class, 61 second class and 480 third class passengers and 1,200 tons of cargo, which is principally for the west.

Captain R. H. Ryan, of Kentville, who reached Victoria, B. C., from the Orient in September, from studying the war, has mysteriously disappeared. His father has made the most diligent enquiry, but all in vain.

Under the new time arrangement which goes into effect Monday, Nov. 14, the steamers of the Eastern line will make two trips each way between St. John and Boston, calling at Eastport, Lubec and Portland en route. The service will be performed by the Calvin Austin and St. Croix. The winter service of one trip a week will in all probability be performed by the old reliable St. Croix, the Calvin Austin going into winter quarters.

THE NEW BRANCH BANK.

The newly established branch of the Bank of British North America at the Golden Ball corner was kept open from 8 to 10 o'clock Saturday night. This is a new departure in banking in St. John, and Manager Hazen said, Saturday night, he expected there would be a good business done there. The trend of trade seems to be toward that section of the city, and it is expected the branch will prove of great convenience to the storekeepers of that vicinity. Mr. Cowie is manager of the branch and has one clerk with him at present. The staff will be increased as the business warrants. Permanent office fixtures will be put in very shortly, the present fittings being only temporary.

Interesting For those who want the very Best at the Lowest Prices. I RECOMMEND Elgin Watches Every Time. And knowing as every dealer in first class lines of WATCHES do that the ELGIN WATCHES are the most reliable at the prices, I have just taken the agency for showing and selling them, and will be most pleased to compare goods and prices with any other goods to be found in the city, for I consider them equal to any, second to none, and best for all. A splendid line just opening in Solid Gold, Gold Filled and Silver Cases, and offered at prices well below that of any other make in reliable goods, and warrant them just as representatives will and inspect and get prices at No. 77 Charlotte Street, W. TREMAINE GARD, Goldsmith and Jeweler.

PARISH PRIEST TONIGHT. Attractive Offering by Dailey Company at the Opera House Tonight.

Tonight the Dailey Stock Company will open in the Opera House their second week with one of the most pleasing and wholesome comedy dramas of their repertoire, The Parish Priest—a piece without a villain. It is in three acts and the scene is laid in Pennsylvania. The plot revolves round the lives of Father Whelan and the daughter of a wealthy parishioner, Dr. Cassidy. She is in love but the one she cares for has previously been betrothed to the doctor's ward. He is tempted by thought of social position and worldly gain to give her up for the doctor's daughter, but by the good offices of the parish priest, all is finally well arranged, though not before hearts have been broken.

It is a beautiful story, well told, the heart interest is deep, and it should prove a delightful medium for the opening of the week. Mr. Mulaney will play the title role and it will give him better opportunity than he has yet had. The part is a thoroughly pleasant one for an actor and Mr. Mulaney in both looks and actions should fill it most acceptably. Miss Ray, whose book has been very pleasing, will have the leading female role and Miss Carr, has a good part which should win her new honors. Mr. Perry, too, will be seen to advantage and Mr. O'Malley will have an Irish character which he is said to assume excellently. The quiet wholesomeness of it all will be sure to please.

MANUAL TRAINING.

A Special Course For Teachers to Open Jan. 9th. at Fredericton.

A special course of preparation for manual training teachers is announced to commence at the normal school in Fredericton, on Jan. 9, 1905, and the director begs to call the attention of teachers to the desirability of taking advantage of it. A demand exists for male teachers of woodwork in manual training departments; also for teachers, of either sex, who are able to give instruction in country schools having an equipment for manual training on a small scale. The liberal grants now being offered to teachers of manual training should lead some of our enterprising teachers to take up this branch of school work which is rapidly becoming such an important part of our educational system.

In addition to this special course in woodwork, etc., short courses in paper-folding, colour-work, card board-work, etc., may be taken at any time. Information as to any of the courses may be obtained from the director of manual training, T. B. Kitcher, Fredericton, to whom early application should be made.

NEW RESIDENCES.

H. H. Gunter, and W. T. Whitehead M. P. P. Building Handsome Homes in Fredericton.

H. H. Gunter of the William Richards Company, who recently purchased the building lot immediately below Somerville, the residence of Miss Fisher, will begin building operations in the spring. Mr. Gunter proposes to erect a commodious residence equipped with all the modern improvements, and one quite in keeping with the other new houses round about.

The work of tearing down the house on Waterloo Row, recently occupied by Mr. Baristo was commenced this morning under the supervision of Harry Clark. This house is located between the Judge Wilson property and Geo. T. Whelpley's residence. The lot was purchased by W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., and he will start building operations there in the spring. The location is a very desirable one, and Mr. Whitehead will have a very suitable residence.—Fulton Gleaner, Nov. 12.

TO UNITE SCHOOLS.

Harcourt, Nov. 12.—The school meeting last night was largely attended by the ratepayers. It was generally conceded that the three teachers should be in one building instead of two; and that the principal should be relieved of two of his classes, and the primary teacher of one, the three classes to be given the intermediate teacher. Different schemes were suggested for preparing the third room, but the general opinion was that it should be upstairs, where it can be prepared for about \$130 or less. During the winter months the four or five pupils in the north end who live two miles or more from Harcourt school, could be conveyed to the latter at about the same cost as now consumed by the keeping up of the Mortimore building and its firing. The majority of the ratepayers seemed willing to have the suggested changes made. IF YOU LIKE THE TIMES, SUBSCRIBE AND GET IT EVERY DAY.

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